

Records of Brunhes/Matuyama geomagnetic polarity transition and its precursor from Ocean Drilling Program Site 768, Sulu Sea

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